

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no ☒

Property Name: Residence at 325 Rolling Bridge Road Inventory Number: QA-555  
Address: 325 Rolling Bridge Road Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: Centreville Zip Code: 21617 County: Queen Annes  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Centreville  
Property Owner: Jackson R. Collins, Jr. et al. Tax Account ID Number: 003280  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 2 Tax Map Number: 53  
Project: Planning Studies for US 301 at MD 304 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Preparer's Name: Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 08/10/2005  
Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ yes Listed: \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Architectural Description**

The residence at 325 Rolling Bridge Road is a circa 1900 farmhouse that is located on a 518-acre parcel of land. It is a typical example of the ubiquitous cross-gable form that is commonly found on the Eastern Shore. The two-story, I house has a rear, one-and-one-half-story extension and is clad in new vinyl siding. The house rests on a new brick foundation. The façade, which faces west, is symmetrical. The first story contains a central door with a transom and sidelights. The door is flanked by tall, narrow, four-over-four, double-hung, replacement windows that are hung in pairs. All of the windows on the house are surrounded by distinctive replacement frames in an unusual I-shaped form. The first story is sheltered by a single-story, full-width, hipped-roof porch with a new plastic roof that is created to appear like standing seam metal. The porch is supported by new octagonal columns. The second story features three pairs of four-over-four, double-hung, replacement windows that are not quite as tall as those found on the first story. A round-arch window with a two-over-two configuration is found in the apex of the cross gable. Two gable-roof dormers with two-over-two, double-hung windows punctuate the roof, which is covered in artificial slate shingles. Two brick, interior chimneys are located at each end of the ridgeline. Replacement gutters and downspouts are located on the house and the porch. The side elevations are dominated by the four-over-four, double-hung replacement windows that are identical

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MHT Comments:

Tom Terhune ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Steve Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

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to those found on the first and second stories of the façade, except that they are hung singly. Two small two-over-two windows are located in each of the apexes of the gables on the side elevations.

A one-and-one-half story, gambrel-roof wing extends from the rear of the house. It is possible that the wing may either predate the cross-gable portion of the house, or may have been moved to the site and attached to the I-house. Like the main house, the wing has been heavily modified. Two entrances are located on the wing. The original entrance is covered by a dominant, hipped-roof porch that is supported by round wood columns. The porch is reached by a small flight of stairs and is surrounded by a turned baluster. The roof of the porch is covered with the same plastic material that is intended to look like standing seam metal that is used on the front porch. The door at this entrance is a replacement metal door with glazed panes. A second entrance with a vinyl door has been added to the wing and is reached by a small flight of stairs with a new vinyl banister. Irregularly placed replacement windows of six-over-six and one-over-one, double-hung sash and a fixed, fifteen-pane window are located on the first story. The roof, which is also covered in faux slate, is punctuated by five gable-roof dormers with no eave overhang. Each dormer contains a six-over-six replacement window. A short brick chimney is located to the rear of the wing.

#### History, Significance, and Determination of Eligibility

The Centreville vicinity of Queen Anne's County retains significant amounts of agricultural land. The proximity to the town of Centreville was appealing to many farmers, who established agricultural enterprises in the region. Many farmers initially grew tobacco during the 1700s, but the crop, which was labor intensive, quickly depleted the soil. Wheat soon replaced tobacco as the primary crop, and today the region grows wheat, soybeans, and corn.

The I-house is a typical residential form found throughout Maryland and is especially common on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. In many cases, frontal cross gables are imposed on the I-house form. These cross-gable residences are particularly common in rural (or formerly rural) areas and date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of these houses functioned as farm houses associated with larger agricultural complexes that typically included barns, silos, and other outbuildings.

The cross-gable residence at 325 Rolling Bridge Road was constructed in 1900. Deed and building permit research at the Queen Anne's County Courthouse in Centreville did not reveal the history of the gambrel-roof wing attached to the house. However, both the I-house and the wing have been substantially altered and feature almost entirely new building materials. Replacement windows, window surrounds, and doors and new siding, gutters, and downspouts, and faux roofing materials create a building that is well maintained, but retains almost no integrity of materials or workmanship. The change in window shape and size also depletes the integrity of design.

The residence at 325 Rolling Bridge Road is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is not associated with any important events in the history of the nation. It is also not associated with any people important to the nation's past, and is not eligible under Criterion B. The building is also not eligible under Criterion C. The cross-gable I-house is a common form in Maryland. This example has been substantially altered and retains little integrity. The property has not yet been evaluated under Criterion D.

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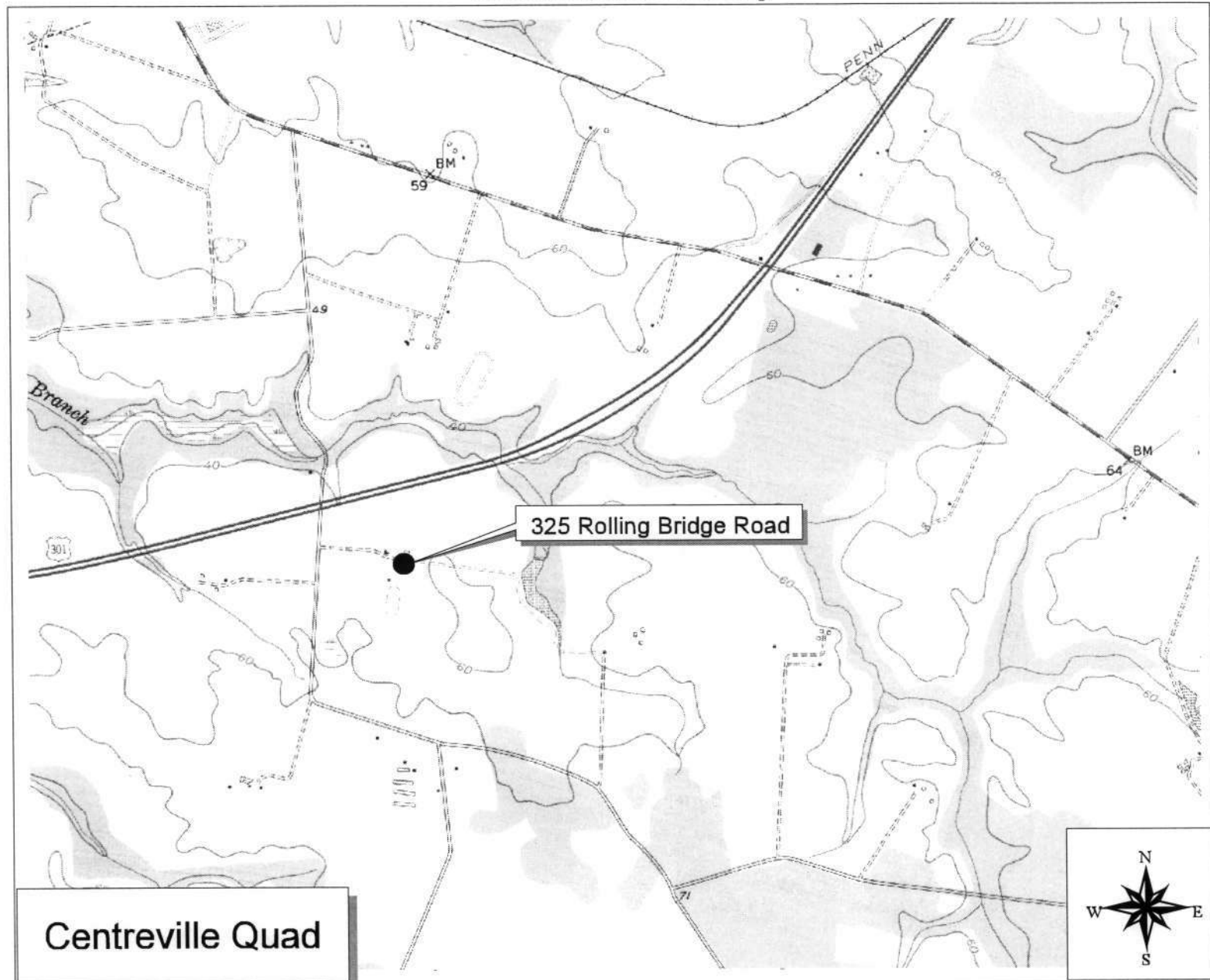
Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
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**US 301 at MD 304**  
**Residence at 325 Rolling Bridge Road (QA-555)**  
**Queen Anne's County**



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